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CATALYTIC FUNCTION AND USE THEREOF**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted further to the response to restriction requirement filed September 11, 2006.

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